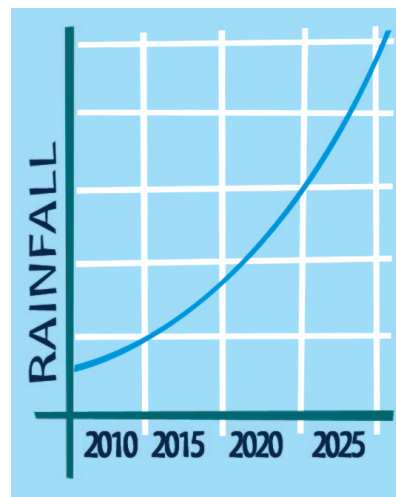


It's going to rain. Let's take an umbrella.



Man: Do you think it'll be cold in Rome at this time of year?

Woman: What? In May? No, it'll be warm and sunny. I don't think you'll need that jumper.



Countries in the north of Europe will have more and more rain over the coming years.

## Presentation

You can use both *going to* and *will* to make predictions about the future:

*It's going to rain.*

*It'll be warm and sunny.*

### **going to or will?**

You can often use both forms with very little difference:

*Do you think it'll rain this afternoon?*

*Do you think it's going to rain this afternoon?*

You tend to use *going to* when you make a prediction based on information in the present situation:

*There are big, black rain clouds in the sky. It's going to rain soon.*

You often use *will* with *I think / don't think, I'm sure, I expect*:

*I don't think it'll rain.*

*I think she'll win the election.*

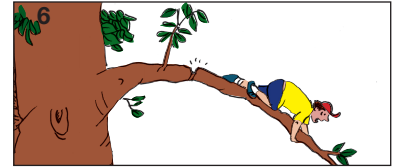
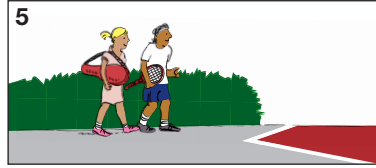
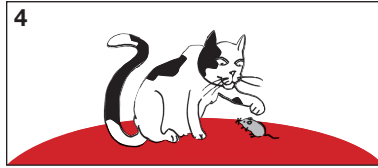
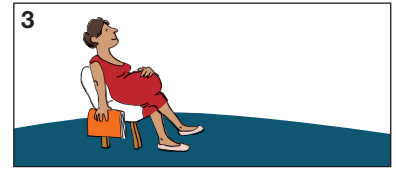
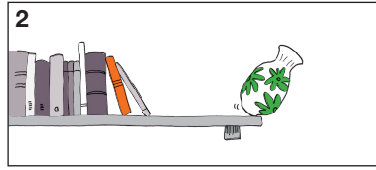
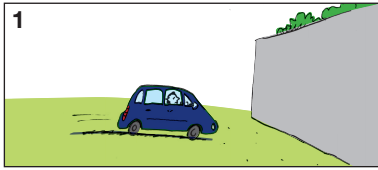
*I'm sure they'll be very happy.*

**TIP** You usually say *I don't think it'll rain.* (not *I think it won't rain.*)

You tend to use *will* for long-term predictions:

*Global temperatures will rise by two or three degrees over the next ten to twenty years.*

**1 Write sentences to describe what is going to happen in the pictures.**



- 1 car / crash into / wall The car is going to crash into the wall.
- 2 vase / fall off / shelf .....
- 3 she / have a baby .....
- 4 cat / catch / mouse .....
- 5 they / play tennis .....
- 6 branch / break .....

**2 Complete the sentences using *will*, *'ll* or *won't*.**

- 1 They make a great couple. I think they ..... be very happy together.
- 2 I don't think he ..... be very pleased when he finds out they've stolen his bicycle.
- 3 Why don't you ask her out for a drink? I'm sure she ..... say yes.
- 4 Do you think I ..... get into the football team this year?
- 5 ..... they want to see our passports, do you think?
- 6 Don't worry. I'm sure it ..... be as difficult as you think.
- 7 They ..... get married until Luis finds a job.
- 8 We ..... all be a lot happier when the exams are over.

**3 Answer the questions with your own predictions. Write full sentences with *will*, *'ll* or *won't*.**

- 1 Do you think it'll rain tomorrow?  
No, it won't rain tomorrow. It'll be warm and sunny.
- 2 Who do you think will win the next election in your country?  
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- 3 What kind of job do you think you'll have in ten years' time?  
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- 4 Will you have (more) children in the next five years?  
.....
- 5 Where will you live in ten years' time?  
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- 6 Do you think you will live to be 100?  
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